

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Oaks Notes



Acorns on the Ground



Reflections

Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world.

We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

The Lenten season was truly a blessing for the congregation of Oaks Christian Church. Let's continue to support our church on thru the rest of the year.

On April 4th we had a wonderful Spring Festival and Easter egg hunt. The children had a great time hunting for Easter Eggs and the adults were there to hide the eggs and coordinate the Easter Egg Hunt. The drama of the Living Last Supper was truly a moving portrayal on Maundy Thursday. The service on Good Friday was also a time of reflection and contemplation on the crucifixion of Jesus.

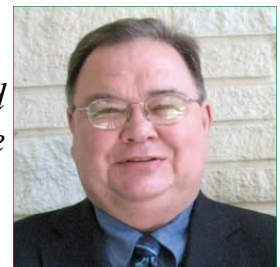
The Sunrise Service on Easter morning was a time of Joy and praise of Jesus Christ and his conquering of sin and death. The 10:45 a.m. worship service was a wonderful service of celebration of the Resurrection. The congregation of Oaks has truly been active and involved. Let's keep the momentum going. Let us support our church by our attendance at worship and other events of Oaks.

We have a fantastic message to share with this community and beyond and we need to keep reaching our with God's love.

May God bless, lead and sustain us in the ministries of Oaks Christian Church.

In Christ's Love and Peace.

*Reverend
Randy Burke*



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photo by Sonja Davis)

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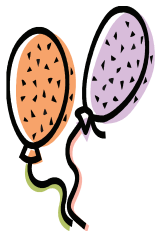
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OAKS CHRISTIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL 2009



April Birthdays

Matthew Rasco	3
Robert Dyes	9
Jennifer Salinas	10
Joanne Staley	11
Roy King	11
Rosalee Willard	12
Chris Lamb	13
Katelyn Clawson	17
Rita Brooks	18
Zachary Smith	18
Christian Lamb	19
Deborah Bonner	20
Ruth Conover	26
Kelly Saldivar	26
Rosanne Henderson	29



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.

And April Anniversaries

Albert and Carole Green	3
Wayne and Pam Cox	4
Laura and Michael Rasco	14



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choir Rehearsal Praise Ringers	2 Rev. Randy Burke's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	3	4 Spring Festival 11:00 - 3:00 p.m.
5 Scrap booking - Crafting	6 CWF- Bible Study - Esther/ Beth Moore	7 Service - 10:00 a.m. Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m.	8 Choir Rehearsal Praise Ringers Play Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.	9 No Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir/ Play 7:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil	10 Prayer Vigil	11
12 Easter	13	14 Visitation - Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15 Choir Rehearsal Praise Ringers	16 Rev. Randy Burke's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	17	18
19 Scrap booking - Crafting	20 CWF- Bible Study Esther/Beth Moore	21 Love Meals 10:00 a.m.	22 Choir Rehearsal Praise Ringers	23 Rev. Randy Burke's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	24	25
26	27 CWF- Bible Study Esther/ Beth Moore	28 CWF - General Meeting 6:00 p.m.	29 Choir Rehearsal Praise Ringers	30 Rev. Randy Burke's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.		

If you have something for the calendar, please let the Church Office know.

Sunday School and Worship services

Sunday School and morning worship will take place as usual every Sunday in April. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday morning worship at 10:45 a.m.



A Note from Verna Lamb

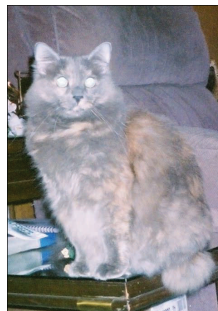
"Scrap booking/Craft Day" in Kirchner Hall April 5 and April 19, 2009.

Church Office - The Church Office is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have a pastoral emergency call the pastor's cell number.

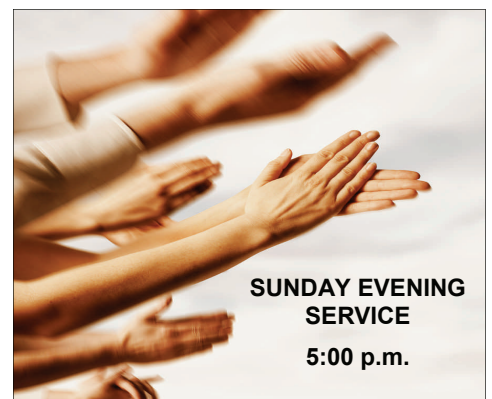


Pastor Randy Burke's Phone #'s
832.729.1598 - Cell
713.983.0717 - Home

Smile
Jesus Loves
You!



NOTE: No Sunday Evening Service on April 12, 2009.



**SUNDAY EVENING
SERVICE**
5:00 p.m.

Announcements, Thank You Note, Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report

Worship Chair - Sally Johnson

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PARTICIPATE

1. Weekly Lenten Acknowledgement (Candle Snuffing)
opportunity to participate by reading meditation during services, see Sally Johnson
2. Prayer Vigil 24 hour—opportunity to pray at church in 30 minute cycles, beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday and ending at 8:00 p.m. on Good Friday.
See signup sheet here for both prayer time and Angels.
3. Palm Sunday (April 5) 
4. Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. (April 9) 
5. Good Friday 7:00 p.m. (April 10) 
6. Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. (April 12) 
7. Easter Sunday Service (April 12) 

The choir will present special music at each service during Holy Week, don't miss their beautiful offering to God and us.

Reverend Randy Burke's Bible Study

The ongoing Bible study started January 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. The study consists of videos by Ray Vander Laan and discussion of the material presented. Study books are \$8.00. Please let Pastor Randy know if you would like to purchase one.

Women's Bible Study

The women of the church are having a Beth Moore, Bible Study on the Study of Esther. They meet in the Kitchen on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. The study books are \$15 each. It started February 16 and is an 11 week course. Come and join them.



The Service or Outreach committee, consisting of Chair Rosalie Willard, Betty Bell, Jackie Rogers, Bonnye Sulak, and Carol Green, have presented the Lexington Place residents with Easter Baskets. Keeping in mind the items the residents are allowed to have (no candy), we filled the baskets with slipper socks, notepads and a ball point pen, a tube of Chapstick, and a Renuzit room deodorizer. The baskets were delivered on April 8, 2009.

Our next project will be school supplies in August. We hope you will all keep this in mind.

Rosalie Willard

I just want to express my heartfelt thanks for all of the kind words and expressions of love during the last few difficult weeks. I always knew we at Oaks were a tight knit family even if we have our differences occasionally, but the outpouring of love toward me and Barb was really overwhelming.

Thank you all so very much for being there for us.

In Christian Love,
Bill Scantlin

February Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of January 2009	Sunday School	Church Attendance
February 1	23	69
February 8	26	73
February 15	23	75
February 22	24	66
TOTALS	96	283

From the Treasurer - Bill Scantlin

Operating Account	December	January	February
Deposits	\$15,285.68	9,271.66	10,449.90
Disbursements	(\$12,495.44)	(12,510.41)	(10,850.73)
Difference	\$2,790.24	(3,238.75)	(400.83)

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Oaks Christian Church

Bound Together in Love



He is Risen!

Board Happenings - *Albert Green, Board Chair*

Friendly Reminder: There will be an Executive Board meeting April 7, 2009, 7:00 p.m. and Board meeting April 14, 2009, 7:00 p.m. Thank you.